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The Honorable Shira A. Scheindlin United States District Judge Southern District of New York Daniel Patrick Moynihan Courthouse 500 Pearl Street, Room 1620 New York, New York 10007-1312

> Re: <u>City of New York v. Amerada Hess</u>, 04 CV 3417 (SDNY) In re MTBE Products Liability Litigation, MDL 1358 Request for Leave to File Motion to Strike the Supplemental Report of Thomas Maguire

Dear Judge Scheindlin:

The City of New York ("City") respectfully requests leave to file a motion to strike the Supplemental Expert Report of Defendant's Expert Thomas Maguire, dated June 1, 2009.

On April 24, 2009, the Court granted defendants' permission to serve a supplemental expert report to respond only to the drought analysis for Wells 5 and 22 contained in the Rebuttal Report of the City's expert David Terry. See Transcript from April 24, 2009 Status Conference, at 80:19 – 20. Counsel for ExxonMobil agreed to this limitation. See Tr., at 80:22 – 81:5. Copies of the relevant pages are attached.

ExxonMobil has directly disobeyed this Court's instructions. Mr. Maguire's expansive supplemental report – which the City received today – responds to <u>all</u> of the modeling contained in Mr. Terry's original report, and hardly mentions the drought analysis contained in his rebuttal. The report instead focuses on Station 6, whereas the drought scenarios pertained to Wells 5 and 22. Defendants never sought modification of the Court's order. Defendants' unreasonable and vexatious tactics will result in great prejudice to the City and its experts as trial quickly approaches.

Therefore, the City respectfully requests leave to file a motion to strike Mr. Maguire's supplemental report in its entirety. As the issues presented are relatively straightforward and affect the scheduling of additional expert depositions, the City also requests an expedited briefing schedule. The City will file its motion in 2 business days following the Court's permission and requests that defendants response be submitted 2 business days following service of the motion, with 1 business day for reply.

Respectfully Submitted,

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deadline for completing expert discovery.

THE COURT: We can push that because it will take an 2 active of God to affect the criminal docket, in other words, 4 say somebody gets ill or dies. Short of that, that case is going June 1. I know it and it's not going to end in three weeks, so we have a little leeway. Mind you, I'll keep you all 7 posted. If there were an act of God and the case goes away,

8 I'd like to go back to as close to June 23rd as I can.

MR. GREENE: May I suggest for a schedule that Mr. 10 Terry's deposition occur after these new round of surreplies?

11 THE COURT: I think it should. If your expert is 12 going to take on the drought analysis, then I think the deposition of Mr. Terry should wait for them to read that so he doesn't say he was sandbagged. Let's get it all out. When can your expert comment on the drought analysis? 15

16 MR. PARDO: I think we're going to need to talk to him. Also, I want to make sure I understand the scope of what 17 18 this surreply is.

19 THE COURT: The scope is solely to take on the drought analysis, nothing else. Everything else has been picked over 21 already, I think.

22 MR. PARDO: I think that's right, but there are some 23 things that Mr. Terry has done which are new which we quarrel 24 with how he has taken our particular criticisms and applied 2.5 them.

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81 94ormtbc THE COURT: No, I think that would never end. 1 2 MR. PARDO: I agree. 3 THE COURT: Save your ammunition. There will be a time and place. 5 MR. PARDO: Perfect. That's all I need to hear. 6 THE COURT: But the report should deal with drought analysis because that is totally new, admittedly. 8 MR. GARVEY: Save our ammo on new stations and the 9 like? 10 THE COURT: Yes, sir. MR. GARVEY: But we can do it? 11 12 THE COURT: At the appropriate time and place. In 13 your case, potentially summary judgment. How many summary judgments did I get on this? Just you? 15 MR. GARVEY: Just one. 16 THE COURT: Is there anything further? It was good to 17 see you all. 18 MR. SHER: Your Honor, I have two administrative 19 matters, if I may. 20 THE COURT: Yes. 21 MR. SHER: One, we filed some time ago a motion for 22 voluntary dismissal of Marathon.

THE COURT: I haven't acted on it?

THE COURT: Thank you for the reminder. We'll check

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MR. SHER: You have not.

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